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Minnesota Ag News – Hay Stocks



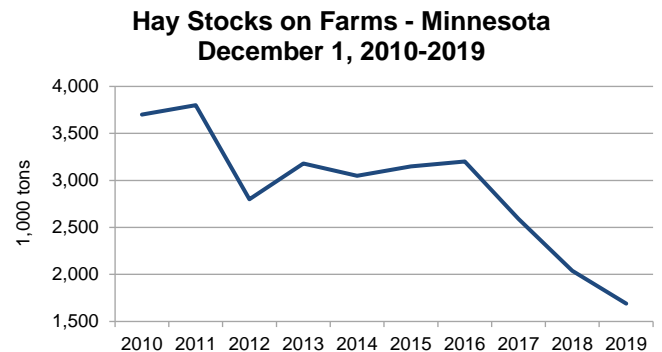
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All hay stored on Minnesota farms as of December 1, 2019, is estimated at 1.69 million tons, a decrease of 17 percent from December 1, 2018, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. This is a record low amount of hay stored on December 1, continuing the recent downward trend. Disappearance from May 1, 2019, through December 1, 2019, totaled 1.56 million tons, compared with 1.60 million tons for the same period in 2018.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Minnesota and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2018-2019

	May 1		December 1	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Minnesota	560	280	2,040	1,690
United States	15,348	14,906	79,055	84,488

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2019 totaled 84.5 million tons, up 7 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2019 - December 1, 2019 totaled 59.3 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier. The largest increases in stocks from one year ago were seen in Kansas, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, and Texas, all resulting from increases in dry hay production.

December 1 hay stocks levels were record lows in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.